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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<u>In re application of:</u> P. Bhagwat, et al.	April 16, 2002
	<u>Examiner:</u> P. B. Nguyen
<u>Serial No.</u> 09/240,374	<u>Group Art Unit:</u> 2663
<u>Title:</u> Improving Performance of Intermediate Nodes With Flow Splicing	Eric W. Petraske 68 Old Hawleyville Road Bethel, CT 06019

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of 1/16/2002, please  
amend the above identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6 and 54 as shown:

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1 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first source  
2 flow end point, the second destination flow end point, the  
3 third destination flow end point and the fourth source flow  
4 end point all reside on the same node.

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1 4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first  
2 source flow end point, the first destination flow end point,  
3 the second source flow end point and the second destination  
4 flow end point all reside on the same node.